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In re Application of:

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Serial No. 09/990,769

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COMPOSITIONS UTILIZING  
HYBRID EXACT ROTAMER  
OPTIMIZATION ALGORITHMS  
FOR PROTEIN DESIGN

Examiner: To be assigned

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application  
mailed January 17, 2002, enclosed are the following documents:

- a) Petition for Extension of Time (1 month);
- b) Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- c) Check in the amount of \$ 490.00 for:
  - Petition of Extension of Time (1 Month ) \$ 55.00
  - Basic Filing Fee (Small Entity) \$ 370.00
  - Missing Parts Surcharge \$ 65.00
- d) Formal Drawings (14 Sheets);
- e) Declaration for Patent Application;
- f) Power of Attorney by Assignee;
- g) Return Postcard.

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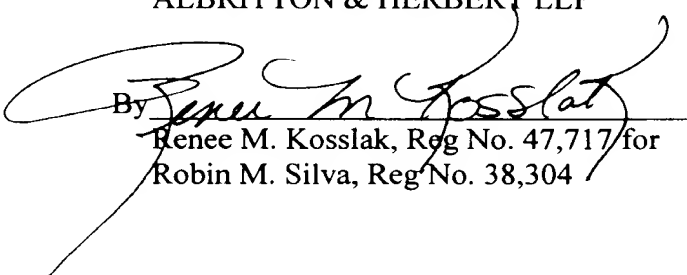
✓ **Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**

Although Applicant does not believe any additional fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our File A-70365-2/RFT/RMS/RMK).

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 435.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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